

WSR 21-24-092  
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY  
DEPARTMENT OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is considering rule changes for hunting season regulations.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Amendments are needed to provide clarification to rules and to expand or decrease recreational hunting opportunities, while maintaining sustainable game populations.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Migratory birds are also regulated by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and coordination is managed through the Pacific Flyway. State regulations are designed to fit within the parameters of the USFWS regulation guidelines.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Eric Gardner, P.O. Box 43200, phone 855-925-2801 project code 4542, TTY [phone] 360-902-2349, TTY 1-800-833-6388 or 711, email 2022HuntingSeason101@PublicInput.com, website <https://publicinput.com/2022HuntingSeason101>; or Heather Bonagofski, phone 360-902-2512, TTY 360-902-2349, TTY 1-800-833-6388 or 711, email Heather.Bonagofski@dfw.wa.gov, website Hunting Season Setting home-page.

Additional comments: For Washington department of fish and wild-life rule-making information <https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/regulations>.

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